

volunteers offer these cats a home and foster families. Proud foster parents report back with incredible success stories.

Lucky Cat Rescue also serves as an educational organization. They provide information and resources to surrounding communities regarding the spaying and neutering of cats in order to reduce the amount of unwanted litters.

I believe it is important to protect animals. I proudly became a cosponsor of the Pet Animal Welfare Statue (PAWS) of 2005. This legislation regulates the pet industry and requires all commercial breeders to comply with basic animal welfare rules.

We live in a fast-paced world. Often times, the needs of animals can get overlooked. Ms. Gibson's, Lucky Cat Rescue is a place that shelters these creatures from cruelty. It gives me great pleasure to have a strong organization such as this in the Second Congressional District of Maryland.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to bring before you today a woman with such a strong sense of empathy and humanity. The acts of kindness she has shown saved the lives of hundreds of animals. Ms. Norcella Gibson is worthy of great recognition for her kindness.

#### ON THE PASSING OF AMBASSADOR ANNE FORRESTER

##### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2006*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to my sister, and friend, colleague Ambassador Anne Forrester, one of the premier civil servants and pan-Africanist of our generation. A great spirit departed this world when Anne lost her battle with pancreatic cancer and passed away in her home in New York City on June 23, 2006.

Today we mourn the loss of this great woman and celebrate her great legacy. As the third African-American woman ambassador in U.S. history and co-founder of TransAfrica Forum, Anne was a leader and mentor to us all. She devoted her life to public service and touched the lives of countless individuals. At the same time, Ambassador Forrester broke down barriers and paved the way for others to follow in her stead and continue the charge.

As an Ambassador from the United States to Mali, a senior aide to U.S. United Nations' Ambassador Andrew Young, Staff Director of the Sub-Committee on Africa for the House of Representatives, and a senior official at United Nations Development Program in Africa and in the Caribbean, Ambassador Forrester had a truly inimitable impact on the African Diaspora.

I met Anne on Capitol Hill during the mid-70s and got to know her and benefited from her brilliance, her great intellect, and her warm heart.

Today, my thoughts and prayers are with her family—daughters Camara and Kandia and aunts, Helena and Ethel—during this difficult time, along with the countless individuals throughout the world who were impacted by her tireless dedication to public service. We all share their pain.

Ambassador Forrester was truly an unparalleled force on the forefront of an international movement; she worked tirelessly to connect

and improve the condition of African peoples throughout the Diaspora. And no words can express how greatly our sister-friend will be missed. Anne's far-reaching contributions to foreign affairs set a premier example for people all over the world. As we mourn her loss, we all must commit ourselves to ensure that Anne's spirit and work will live on.

#### HONORING THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

##### HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2006*

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Huntington Park and its more than 64,000 residents on the occasion of the city's 100th year anniversary.

I am proud to have this great city as part of my 34th Congressional district of California.

With a long and distinguished history and a vibrant community, the city of Huntington Park has evolved from a small community of 526 residents in 1906 to a bustling retail center for the Los Angeles County region in 2006.

In the latter part of the 18th century, the land which would eventually become the city of Huntington Park was a vast, unexplored territory. The first European of record to arrive to the area was Francisco Salvatore Lugo, a soldier-explorer and personal friend of the King of Spain. For almost a hundred years, the early history of the area was the history of the prosperous Lugo Family.

In the early 20th century, ownership of the land was passed from the Lugo Family to the farmers, developers, and settlers who were preparing the way for the birth of the city of Huntington Park. Among the prominent names in the city's history was a pair of land developers named A.L. Burbank and E.V. Baker who arrived in the area in 1899. By 1901, these two developers controlled a 100-acre tract of land, which they named "La Park". Burbank and Baker were prominent names in the area, but they themselves had no intention of founding a city. Their vision of La Park was for a commercial center and way station for all transport of goods between Los Angeles and San Diego. In 1902, prominent industrialist Henry Huntington extended a line of his Pacific Electric Railway to La Park, and changed the name to "Huntington Park".

A group of early residents became the city founders. They were: George A. Garlow, Dr. Louis Weber, Dr. Clinton W. Hubbard, A.E. Walters, O.G. Jones, A.A. Weber, D.B. Lyons, William Linsey, and Frank Tate. These men of true pioneer spirit and foresight formed the Huntington Park Improvement Association and things began to happen. On September 1, 1906, with 526 residents, the area was officially established and recognized as the City of Huntington Park.

Today, Huntington Park, "The City of Perfect Balance," is a dynamic city with exceptional recreation and social service programs. The city provides superior-quality public safety, transportation, and community development services to its residents and businesses while cultivating a unique small town ambiance. The stretch of Pacific Boulevard in downtown Hun-

tington Park is a major, thriving commercial district serving as a major retail center for the largely, working-class communities of southeastern Los Angeles County.

As part of the City of Huntington Park's 100th anniversary, a centennial celebration will be held at the city's civic center. The city's year-long celebration will include special recognitions from local organizations including the Huntington Park Police Department and the Greater Huntington Park Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 100th year anniversary of The City of Huntington Park is another milestone in the rich history of the city, as well as in the history of the state of California and the United States. I am honored to represent this thriving community in Congress, and I join the Huntington Park community in celebrating this wonderful anniversary.

#### INTRODUCING A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LAMBDA THETA NU SORORITY, INCORPORATED, THE FIRST INTERCOLLEGIATE GREEK-LETTER SORORITY ESTABLISHED FOR LATINA COLLEGE WOMEN ON THE WEST COAST

##### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2006*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to introduce a Concurrent Resolution recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter sorority established for Latina college women on the West Coast.

Lambda Theta Nu is a wonderful sorority. It has now grown into a well developed and structured organization that caters to the needs of Latina women in higher education. This sorority's B+ average grade point average among all its undergraduate members shows their dedication to academic excellence among Latina college women. Lambda Theta Nu prides itself on turning girls into women, Latinas into professionals, and students into graduates. Lambda Theta Nu's devotion to the Latino community and the positive development of its members should be applauded by all Members of the House.

The text of the resolution follows, and I urge my colleagues to show their support for this distinguished organization by cosponsoring it.

Recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Incorporated, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter sorority established for Latina college women on the West Coast.

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Whereas the Lambda Theta Nu Sorority was founded by 18 young women on March 11, 1986 at California State University, Chico;

Whereas Leticia Campos, Mary Helen Coronado, Pamela Daña, Abigail Estrada, Cecilia Fabian, Guadalupe Favela, Maria Gonzalez, Josephine Hernandez, Theresa Jauregui, Patricia Lozano, Luz Amelia Martinez, Rosa Meza, Imelda Michel, Rosana Michel, Teresa Reyes, Camille Rugama, Lisa Saldano, and Rosabelia Sanchez, the founders of the sorority, recognized and responded to the needs of

Latina women in higher education and established an innovative organization to respond to these needs;

Whereas the principles of the Lambda Theta Nu Sorority are academic excellence, community service and sisterhood;

Whereas Lambda Theta Nu Sorority fosters collegiate academic excellence and promotes an environment for personal growth within a unit of sisterhood for all its members;

Whereas Lambda Theta Nu Sorority does not discriminate based on race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or handicap;

Whereas, for over 20 years, Lambda Theta Nu Sorority has played an integral role in improving the college graduation rate for Latinas across 25 college campuses in California, Colorado, Nebraska and Texas;

Whereas Lambda Theta Nu Sorority is a founding member of the National Association of Latino Fraternal Organization, the first of its kind.

Whereas for over 20 years the sisters of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority have been committed and devoted leaders for the Latino community by serving as positive and educated role models, and contributed to efforts to increase Latino literacy nationwide: Now, therefore, be it:

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress—*

(1) recognizes and honors the 20th anniversary of the founding of Lambda Theta Nu Sorority;

(2) commends its Founders and all Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc. sisters for their bond of sisterhood, common ideals and beliefs, and service to the Latino community; and

(3) expresses its best wishes for Lambda Theta Nu Sorority Inc.'s continued success and growth.

#### HONORING FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS THOMAS J. MANTON

SPEECH OF

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 24, 2006*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the legacy and the record of our distinguished former colleague, Thomas J. Manton, a superb public servant who passed away on July 22nd.

Tom Manton was born on November 3, 1932. In many ways, his birth date was symbolic of the man Tom would become. Just as Franklin Delano Roosevelt, elected President a few days later, would usher in a new era of optimism and faith in the American system, Tom Manton lived a life that served as an inspiration to all who believed, and continue to believe, in the American Dream.

A young child during the Depression, Tom Manton was a typical son of Irish immigrants, people who came to this country in search of work and a better life for their children. In fact, Tom's father, Tom, Sr., was a laborer here at the United States Capitol. Surely, as he worked to help build the Cannon House Office Building, he must have looked around now and then, seen the grandeur of the place, and dreamed that one day, his son would work there, not as a laborer, but as an elected representative with an office suite in the building. This most American of dreams, in fact, came true.

Tom attended St. Joseph's School in Astoria, Queens, and St. John's Prep in

Brooklyn; he earned an undergraduate degree and, by going to school at night, a law degree from St. John's University. When his country needed him, Tom Manton served as a Flight Navigator in the U.S. Marine Corps. He then continued to serve his Nation and community by becoming a New York City Police Officer.

In 1970, Tom was elected to the New York City Council, where he continued his work to safeguard the welfare of his fellow citizens. He would continue in this position for fourteen years. In 1984, Tom seized the opportunity to represent his community in the U.S. House of Representatives when he won the election to succeed Democratic vice-presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro.

Two years later, Tom became the Chairman of the Queens County Democratic organization and immediately began the revitalization of the local party. Tom took the reins at a time when the party was racked with front-page problems and a loss of public trust. Not only did he turn the party organization around and bring it back to full health, but in doing so, he insisted on making its membership more diverse and more reflective of the diversity of our beloved borough of Queens.

Tom's passion for equality took form in his commitment to helping new political leaders of varying ethnic backgrounds achieve impressive firsts. He helped elect the first Latino from Queens to the New York State Assembly; the first Chinese-American to the City Council; the first woman to serve as Borough President; and then the first African-American woman to Borough Presidency; he supported the first Indian-American and Korean-American District Leaders. These are just a few of these achievements.

As a direct result of the discipline and commitment he brought to every task, and the tireless work he put into the party, the Queens Democratic Committee is now one of the strongest party organizations in the country. Every Democratic candidate for President, going back to Michael Dukakis, sought Tom out, knowing that without his support, the votes of Queens Democrats would be few and far between.

As a congressman, Tom was a bull-dog-like advocate for New York's interests. He won a seat on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and used his influence to bring jobs and opportunity to his constituents. He fought for critical improvements in the Superfund program to accelerate the cleanup of toxic waste sites. He also took the lead in improving the conservation of our Nation's fisheries and ocean resources as chairman of the Subcommittee on Fisheries Management. He used his experience as a former member of the NYPD to ensure that police officers across the Nation—and their families—would receive fitting lifetime compensation in the event of permanent job-related injuries. He was a Member's Member, constantly working behind the scenes to assist his colleagues, helping to rescue stuck legislation, or cutting deals that made everyone feel like a winner.

Having lived the American Dream himself, Tom worked ceaselessly to safeguard the opportunity for everyone, native born and immigrant alike, to live the American Dream as well. Tom was tough, but Tom was fair. And respect for Tom was universal, and went beyond ideology or partisan boundaries.

Tom never forgot his roots. He played a tireless and crucial role in helping to bring peace

to Northern Ireland. He served as co-chair of the bipartisan Irish Caucus. He was selected to be the Grand Marshal of the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade, something of which I know he was proud.

With Tom Manton's passing, we have lost one of the classic old school Irish politicians that New York has sent to Washington to look after the interests of ordinary Americans. Tom was a guy who was decent and honest. His word and handshake were his bond. Tom worked quietly behind the curtain, rather than grandstanding in front of the cameras. Tom was a stand-up guy, the real deal.

When Tom Manton entered Congress in 1985, I had been serving in Congress for little more than a year. All of us in the New York delegation turned to Tom for advice and guidance. Tom made a difference in the lives of everyone who knew him, and his efforts improved this country for every one of its citizens.

My heartfelt condolences go out to Tom's widow, Diane, his children, and grandchildren. He loved them dearly and they love him still. Like many of my colleagues, I will miss Tom. I will miss his wise counsel and his unquenchable passion for our community and its people. America and New York have lost a truly good man and a great public servant.

#### RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS OF CYPRUS AND TURKEY

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 28, 2006*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution expressing our deepest gratitude to Cyprus and Turkey.

We are all following the news from the Middle East with concern and regret. The Lebanese South—for many years a region of civil war, of mortal fear and hopelessness—is burning again. Parts of Israel are suffering under permanent rocket fire. The military actions are causing humanitarian difficulties, as well. Thousands of Americans and Europeans are suffering in the region. When Hezbollah started their offensive against Israel, there were at least 25,000 American citizens in Lebanon.

The current situation painfully reminds me of Lebanon in the year 1983, when 241 Americans were killed in a suicide bombing. It also brings to mind the evacuation of American citizens from Iran in 1979 and from Vietnam in 1975.

However, we must remain optimistic. There is some light in the darkness, something not to overlook in these sorrowful days: Even at a time when the United States is not the most beloved country in the world, we can feel that we are not alone. We are not alone in our efforts to save the lives of our citizens. True friendship is shown in difficult times, and I am glad it does.

I hope we are all aware that the United States could never manage the evacuation of 25,000 citizens without reliable partners in the region. Bearing this in mind, I feel deeply grateful not only toward two governments but also towards two people: The governments and people of the Republics of Cyprus and Turkey.